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SAPC - 7234

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Cover Officer

SUBJECT : Distribution of Photographs of the U-2 Overseas

REFERENCE : SAPC - 7239, 10 July 1956, "Certain Cover Procedures", Paragraph 2.

1. As a result of reference, Mr. Bissell asked me to discuss subject with [REDACTED] is of the opinion that we should send photographs of the U-2 (by which one may see the long wing span) to Colonel [REDACTED] overseas for distribution as he sees fit. [REDACTED] reasoning is that ample opportunity has been afforded for observation of the vehicle on the ground as well as in the air and that photographs undoubtedly already have been taken. The distribution of photographs now for the briefing of intercept pilots would be advantageous from our standpoint. [REDACTED] believes that the only classification we should give such photographs is CONFIDENTIAL, so that they will not be released to the press.

2. Would you kindly take action on this matter. I believe that twenty (20) such photographs would be sufficient and that these should be sent by the most expeditious means possible to [REDACTED] notifying him of their arrival, referring to [REDACTED] 0406 (IN 02942).

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CONCUR:

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